

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6, and 12 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, and 12 are amended, and claims 3-4, and 10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 4, 6, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watkins, U.S. Patent No. 2,116,370, in view of Wilkins, U.S. Patent No. 5,040,856, and Becker, U.S. Patent No. 5,975,663. Claim 4 has been canceled. The rejection is respectfully traversed in so far as it applies to the pending claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a refrigerator, comprising a refrigerator body having a storage space formed therein; a door configured to selectively open and close the storage space formed in the refrigerator body by being drawn out and pushed into the

refrigerator body in a manner in which a drawer is moved; at least one support frame in the shape of an inverted "L" hingedly connected at a frontal lower end to a rear surface of the door thereby creating a hinge connection to allow the door to pivot about the lower end of the door, a horizontal part of the at least one support frame extending rearward, and a vertical part of the at least one support frame extending downward; at least one cover bracket protruding backward from the rear surface of the door at a position adjacent to and outward of the at least one support frame and hinge connection and rotating together with the door; at least one tilting latch which is provided at one side of the rear surface of the door and has a latch jaw; and a stopper pin which is provided on the support frame, wherein the latch jaw and the stopper pin can be engaged with each other limit a range within which the door when pivoted, and wherein when the door is pivoted, the cover bracket shields the hinge connection, the tilting latch, and the stopper pin, and blocks off access from an outside of the door to the hinge connection, the tilting latch, and the stopper pin. Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the arguments set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed May 15, 2008. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Watkins, Wilkins, and Becker, taken alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of such features of independent claim 1 as set for the above, or the claimed combination recited in independent claim.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claim 1 over Watkins, Wilkins, ad Becker should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 6 and 12 are allowable over Watkins, Wilkins, and

Becker at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 1, from which they depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Watkins, Wilkins, and Becker, further in view of Jenkins, U.S. Patent No. 5,487,239, and claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Meek, U.S. Patent No. 2,711,944, in view of Watkins, Wilkins, and Becker. Claims 3 and 10 have been canceled, and thus, these rejections are moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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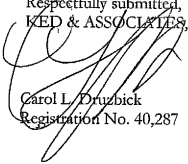
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Reply to Office Action of July 23, 2008

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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